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SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA

1. ON HIS DEPARTURE APRIL 12 TO HEAD THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, DR. MARIO RUIVO, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ABOUT GOP'S LOS POLICIES:

A. PORTUGAL'S POSITION IS BASED ON DEFENDING THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH WHICH PORTUGAL CONTINUES TO IDENTIFY MORE CLOSELY BUT WITHOUT FORGETTING ITS CONTINUING LINKS TO EUROPE.

B. FROM A PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW, GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF FISHERIES TO THE ECONOMY AND FOR FOOD SUPPLY, THE LOS ASPECT WHICH MOST INTERESTS PORTUGAL IS TO ASSURE THAT WHATEVER FRAMEWORK IS ESTABLISHED FOR MARITIME RESOURCES IS NOT DISCRIMINATORY AND PERMITS INTERESTED COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN FISHERIES.

C. RE POLLUTION, PORTUGAL WANTS FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THAT PERMIT SMALL COUNTRIES TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LARGE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES.

2. THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO THE LOS CONFERENCE WERE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: COMANDANTE MANUEL LIMPO SERRA, ENG. JOSE FARINHA DA CONCEICAO, DR. JOAO AFONSO D'ASCENSAO, DR. JOSE HIPOLITO, DR. RUI MONTEIRO, DR. EMILIO CADIMA, DR. JOSE ROSADO, DRA. MARIA BARROSO GONCALVES, AND DR. RUI CABECADAS.

3. COMMENT: REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES IN PORTUGAL MEAN THAT IT IS LIKELY TO BE FURTHER FROM UNITED STATES VIEWS THAN IT WAS IN THE PAST. LOSS OF EMPIRE MEANS LESS INTEREST IN STRATEGIC LOS QUESTIONS (E.G., PASSAGE OF STRAITS). CLOSER IDENTIFICATION WITH THIRD-WORLD VIEWS MEANS LESS IDENTIFICATION WITH CERTAIN U.S. OBJECTIVES. EVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION ITSELF IS LIKELY TO MAKE ACCESS TO IT MORE DIFFICULT. RUIVO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A LEFTIST, FRIENDLY TO MOSCOW, AND RUI CABECADAS IS THOUGHT TO BELONG

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TO THE FAR LEFT. LIMPO SERRA WE KNOW AS A TECHNICIAN; WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION.

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